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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
March 5, 1991

The Fort Hays State University Faculty Senate was called to order in the Pioneer Room of the Memorial Union on March 5, 1991 at 3:30 pm by President Robert Markley.

The following members were present: Dr. Bill Daley, Dr. Michael Slattery, Dr. Robert Stephenson, Dr. Fred Britten, Dr. Thomas Wenke, Ms. Martha Holmes, Dr. William King, Dr. George Wall (for Ms. Joan Rumpel), Ms. Sharon Barton, Dr. James Hohman, Dr. Serjit Kasior, Dr. Willis Watt, Mr. Jack Logan, Dr. John Ratzlaff (for Dr. Paul Phillips), Dr. Ralph Gamble, Dr. Paul Gatschet, Dr. Pamela Shaffer, Mr. DeWayne Winterlin, Dr. John Zody, Dr. Tom Kerns, Dr. Raymond Wilson, Mr. Glen McNeil, Mr. Glenn Ginther, Ms. Anita Gordon-Gilmore (for Mr. Jerry Wilson), Dr. Ronald Sandstrom, Dr. Mohammad Riaz, Dr. Lewis Miller, Dr. Martin Shapiro, Ms. Dianna Koerner, Dr. Richard Hughen, Dr. Maurice Witten, Dr. Richard Heil, Dr. Robert Markley, Dr. Kenneth Olson, Dr. Nevell Razak, and Dr. Michael Rettig (for Dr. Michael Kallam).

The following members were absent: Mr. Michael Jilg, Dr. Robert Jennings, Mr. Kevin Shilling, and Dr. Mary Hassett.

Others present included Provost James Murphy, Dr. Clifford Edwards, and Dr. Larry Gould.

The minutes of the February 4, 1991 meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In addition to the printed announcements included with the meeting agenda, President Markley announced the following.

1. In response to an issue raised by the Student Government Association, chairs and deans are being asked to provide documentation of complaints or problems relating to the language competency of faculty and graduate teaching assistants. So far no complaints have been received on this campus.

2. A Search Committee for a new dean of Arts and Sciences has been formed and a national search is about to begin. Faculty are encouraged to nominate suitable individuals or to themselves apply for the position. Dr. Gatschet asked who was on the committee, and President Markley replied that the members are: Dr. Ellen Veed (chair), Dr. Max Rumpel, Dr. Pamela Shaffer, Dr. David Rasmussen, Dr. Robert Markley, Dean James Forsythe, Dr. Allan Busch, Ms. Cameron Farr (a graduate student in Earth Sciences), and Mr. Daniel Weller (a student majoring in Music and English). Dr. Veed can provide further information.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Academic Affairs. Presented by Dr. Britten.

M-1 and M-2. Motion to change the number of credit hours offered for four courses in the College of Education. The courses and their present and proposed credit hours are:

Course		Present Credits	Proposed Credits
CUIN 465	The Elementary School	6	4
CUIN 466	Directed Teaching Elem.	3-8	3-10
ACES 495	The Secondary School	6	4
ACES 496	Directed Teaching Secon.	3-8	3-10

Motions carried.

M-3. Motion to change the designation of a Sociology course from SOC 284 (Modern Social Problems) to SOC 384 (Modern Social Problems), i.e., only a number change.

Motion carried.

M-4. Motion to approve a new course in English. The catalog entry would be:

ENG 099. Senior English Course Paper. (0) The English major must submit an approved course paper written to fulfill requirements in a 400-level English course, demonstrating competence in research and critical writing. 107-099-0-1501. Pass/No Credit.

Dr. Zody suggested that the word "course" be stricken from the phrase "approved course paper" on the grounds that this word is redundant. Dr. Edwards stated that he would like to see the phrasing left as it is since it is common for several papers to be written as part of a 400-level course and that this requirement specifies that a course paper must be submitted. The term "course paper" is used to refer to the large project in a course. Provost Murphy asked why this requirement for a course paper is not built into the syllabus of each 400-level course, and Dr. Edwards replied that the students would then be required to have 12-13 papers on file. This proposal would allow for after-the-fact selection of just one of the course papers that the student had written. Ms. Koerner asked what the motivation for this requirement was, and Dr. Edwards responded that the English Department already had this requirement for its majors but that it was a requirement without teeth. Nowhere in their course of study is this requirement currently spelled out, and so this proposal would simply formalize this process. Dr. Gatschet added that this course would be included on the student's degree summary, so the student could not get by the Registrar's Office until this requirement was met.

Ms. Koerner asked what is done with this course paper after it is filed, and Dr. Edwards replied that the course papers are kept for two purposes: as part of a departmental dossier for examination by an outside agency or internally, and for reference purposes for a student who, for example, might be applying to a graduate school. Ms. Koerner asked if these papers are not now normally kept, and Dr. Edwards responded that they would be swamped if they attempted to keep every course paper submitted by every English major. Motion carried.

2. University Affairs. No report.

3. Student Affairs. Presented by Dr. Wenke.

M-5. Motion to approve a revised Academic Clemency policy:

Academic Clemency

Undergraduate students returning to Fort Hays State University after a separation of a minimum of two calendar years may petition the Academic Appeals Committee to have up to fifteen Fort Hays State University credits (selected from any semester or semesters) and the corresponding grades removed from the calculation of their cumulative grade point averages. This action may be taken only with regard to courses which are no longer applicable to the student's current major or that are no longer being offered. The petition may be filed only after the student has completed a minimum of 24 credit hours with a grade point average of 2.5 or better on all courses completed following re-enrollment. All courses and grades will remain on the student's transcript, and the notation "Academic Clemency has been granted" will be added.

President Markley read a resolution from the Student Senate in support of an Academic Clemency policy.

Motion carried.

4. Bylaws and Standing Rules. Presented by Mr. Ginther.

Notifications are about to be sent out to departments regarding election of new senators. Election is to take place in April. President Markley reminded everyone that the elections must be completed this spring, and that alternates should also be chosen.

5. External Affairs. Presented by Dr. Sandstrom.

1. The Initiative and Referendum issue under consideration by the Legislature is being examined by the committee, and comments or opinions should be directed to Dr. Heil.

2. A survey of Faculty Senate members regarding priorities in the Strategic Planning process will be conducted before the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Watt reminded chairs of standing committees to turn in the minutes of their meetings.

LIAISON REPORTS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Hohman, Secretary
FHSU Faculty Senate